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BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

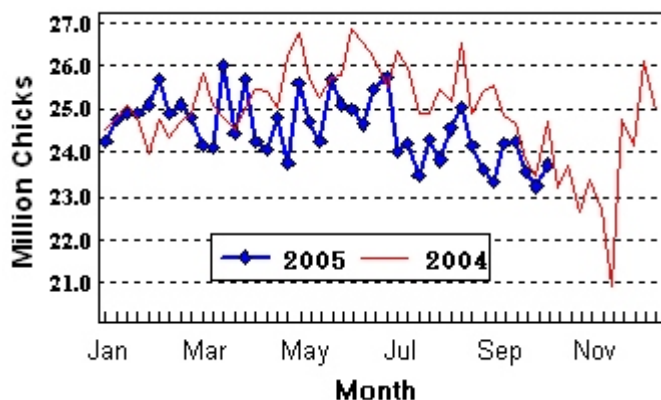
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending October 15, 2005. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through October 15, 2005 were 1.03 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.5 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

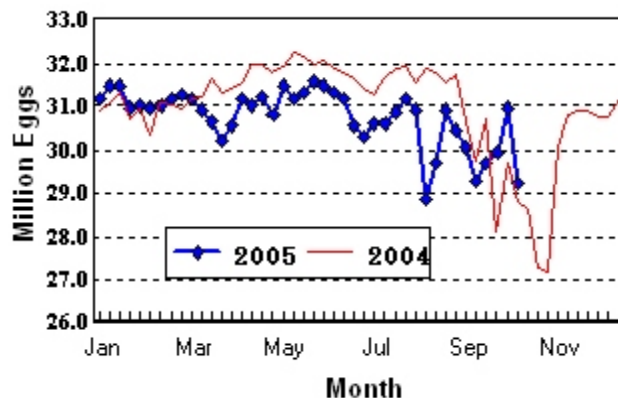
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 15, 2005, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 6 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 10	25,536	23,344	91	26,208	24,598	94	30,639	30,022	98
Sep. 17	24,868	24,216	97	25,938	25,689	99	29,739	29,276	98
Sep. 24	24,656	24,271	98	26,187	25,383	97	30,719	29,694	97
Oct. 1	23,806	23,578	99	25,457	25,016	98	28,103	29,958	107
Oct. 8	23,492	23,250	99	25,524	24,379	99	29,684	30,967	104
Oct. 15	24,724	23,736	96	25,353	24,548	97	28,802	29,236	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct		10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	
Alabama	30,296 *	31,177	31,002	30,242	109	21,322	21,520	20,919	20,289	21,140 *	20,643	101
ARKANSAS	29,694	29,958	30,967	29,236	102	23,344	24,216	24,271 *	23,578	23,250	23,736	96
Delaware	3,797	3,979	3,810	3,767	106	5,303	5,832	5,449	5,481	5,142	5,742	113
Florida	1,404 *	1,374	1,364	1,384	102	1,492	1,431	1,325	1,527	1,492 *	1,471	96
Georgia	32,533 *	33,098	33,740	32,415	105	27,306	26,556	26,700	27,674	25,903 *	26,418	114
Kentucky	6,973	6,508 *	6,745 *	5,986	100	5,738	5,843	5,848	6,101 *	5,344 *	6,131	107
Louisiana	4,105	3,833	4,136	4,136	115	3,880	4,059	4,104	4,052	3,260	3,381	92
Maryland	8,765	8,721	8,670	8,813	109	5,479	5,173	5,160	5,133	5,296	5,357	96
Mississippi	18,412 *	17,235	17,672	18,412	99	15,322	16,252	15,364	15,386	15,415	16,554	103
N. Carolina	17,885 *	17,643	17,170	17,334	103	14,904	14,635	13,654	13,963	13,917	14,620	101
Oklahoma	6,257 *	6,490	6,496	6,590	99	5,358	5,311	4,491 *	5,060	5,028	3,965	83
Pennsylvania	3,970	4,247	4,190 *	4,157	110	3,041	2,926	3,073	3,093	2,784 *	2,892	112
S. Carolina	4,859	5,075	4,939	5,093	115	4,318	4,369	4,739	3,773	4,476	3,630	82
Texas	14,226	13,049	14,561	14,806	107	12,751	12,791	12,633	12,496	12,299	12,960	103
Virginia	6,272	5,861	6,245	6,009	99	4,780	4,919	5,288	5,034	4,925	4,922	103
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,762	16,924 *	18,541 *	17,115	106	17,617	16,984	17,614	17,317 *	16,224 *	16,188	111
Total 2005	207,210 *	205,172 *	210,248 *	205,495		171,955	172,817	170,632 *	169,957 *	165,895 *	168,610	
Total 2004	201,405	200,166	203,011	196,265		174,977	173,376	172,022	165,909	160,797	164,297	
%Prev. Year	103	103	104	105		98	100	99	102	103	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 205 million eggs during the week ending October 15, 2005. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 15, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 15, 2005 were 7.17 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.